

REMARKS

The Applicant appreciates the thorough review of the application by the Examiner.

Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

No new matter has been added by the amendments. No new issues are raised by the amendments.

In the recent Office Action, Claims 1, 13-15, 18-20, 22-24, 33, 34, 55-59, 61-69, 79, and 83 were rejected over prior art. Claims 2-12, 16-17, 25-32, 35-54, 70-82, and 84-86 stand withdrawn from further consideration. The indication that Claims 21 and 60 are allowed is noted with appreciation.

By this Response, dependent claims 14, 15, 18-20, 22-24, 33-34 and 55-59 have been amended to depend from allowed Claim 21, and dependent Claims 62 and 65-66 have been amended to depend from allowed Claim 60. Claims 1-13, 16-17, 25-32, 35-54, 61, 63-64 and 67-86 have been canceled.

All of the claims withdrawn from consideration have been canceled. Claims 14, 15, 18-24, 33-34, 55-60, 62 and 65-69 remain pending, with allowed Claims 21 and 60 being the only independent claims.

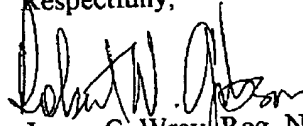
Thus, all of the Claims remaining in the application are allowable.

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CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully,



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